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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING
THE INDO-PAKISTAN TALKS IN NEW DELHI MAY 15-20:

1. AT THE INVITATION OF MR. KEWAL SINGH, FOREIGN SECRETARY,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. AGHA SHAHI, FOREIGN
SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN, PAID A VISIT TO INDIA FROM
MAY 15 TO MAY 20, 1975, TO DISCUSS THE NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS
ENVISAGED IN THE SIMLA AGREEMENT. THE DELEGATION OF PAKISTAN
INCLUDED SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
MINISTRY OF FUEL, POWER AND NATURAL RESOURCES, THE CIVIL AVIATION
DIVISION, THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION, AND A REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS CORPORATION. THE DELEGATION
OF INDIA INCLUDED SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION, DEPARTMENT OF
CIVIL AVIATION, REPRESENTATIVES OF AIR INDIA AND INDIAN AIRLINES
CORPORATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION, MINISTRY OF AGRI-
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CULTURE AND IRRIGATION. DURING HIS STAY, HIS EXCELLENCY MR.

AGHA SHAHI WAS RECEIVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS. INDIRA GANDHI AND THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. Y.B. CHAVAN.

2. THE FOREIGN SECRETARIES WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING AGAIN AFTER A LAPSE OF ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO REVIEW THE DISCUSSIONS ON CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS INCLUDING THE 1971 CASES PENDING BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION. VARIOUS FORMULATIONS WERE DISCUSSED WITH A VIEW TO RESOLVING THIS MATTER AMICABLY SO AS TO ENABLE THE RESUMPTION OF AIR LINKS AND OVER-FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. BOTH SIDES FELT THAT A RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER WILL FACILITATE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE TWO FOREIGN SECRETARIES AGREED THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS BEFORE THIS MATTER COULD BE RESOLVED IN A MANNER WHICH IS FULLY SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES.

3. AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAD EARLIER AGREED TO THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE SALAL HYDROELECTRIC PLANT ABOUT WHICH SOME OBJECTIONS HAD BEEN RAISED BY PAKISTAN. AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS IN NEW DELHI, THE TWO FOREIGN SECRETARIES INSTRUCTED THEIR RESPECTIVE SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE TWO DELEGATIONS CONCERNED WITH THIS PROJECT TO DISCUSS AND SATISFY THE PAKISTAN SIDE THAT THE DESIGN OF THE PLANT WAS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDUS WATERS TREATY. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE INDIAN SIDE WILL SUPPLY WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST, TO THE PAKISTAN OFFICIALS SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE DESIGN CRITERIA OF THE PLANT WHICH HAS A BEARING ON THE OBJECTIONS RAISED BY PAKISTAN. THE TWO INDUS COMMISSIONERS WILL THEN MEET AND ENDEAVOUR TO RESOLVE THE MATTER WITHIN TWO MONTHS. THE TWO COMMISSIONERS WILL KEEP THEIR GOVERNMENTS INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN THIS REGARD SO THAT IN CASE OF DIFFICULTIES FRESH GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE GIVEN FOR THEIR RESOLUTION UNDER THE INDUS WATERS TREATY 1960.

4. THE TWO FOREIGN SECRETARIES RECALLED THE COMMITMENT OF THEIR PRIME MINISTERS TO THE SIMLA AGREEMENT AND EMPHASIZED THEIR DETERMINATION TO CARRY FORWARD, IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION AND GOODWILL, THE NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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TWO COUNTRIES. THE OPPORTUNITY WAS UTILIZED FOR HAVING AN IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE VARIOUS AGREEMENTS SIGNED SINCE SEPTEMBER 1974 IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT A MORE MEANINGFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE AGREEMENTS. THERE WAS ALSO A USEFUL AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MATTERS OF BILATERAL CONCERN AND OF REGIONAL INTEREST. IT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HOSTILE PROPAGANDA AGAINST EACH OTHER IS AN OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF ATTAINING GOOD-NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS AND EFFECTIVE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE EXISTING

UNDERSTANDING REGARDING HOSTILE RADIO BROADCASTS. IT WAS AGREED
FURTHER STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO CURB ALL FORMS OF HOSTILE PRO-
PAGANDA AGAINST EACH OTHER.SCHNEIDER

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